(b) A student of Delhi University alleged that on 31st July, 2002 she was forced into a car by 4-5 boys and raped. A case was registered in this connection and investigation taken up. Another case was registered by Delhi Police in connection with the rape of a student of Maulana Azad Medical College on 15th November, 2002 and the accused persons involved in the crime were arrested.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have stationed Police Control Room vehicles near women institutions and places frequented by them; deployed women police personnel in such vans and increased the frequency of patrolling. In addition, a Women Police Mobile Team has been set up to attend distress calls from women.

Children staying in jail with their mothers

1594. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many children are staying in jail with their mothers in the country, State-wise, for the last three years;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has issued notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Woman and Child Welfare regarding this matter;

(c) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(d) how does Government propose to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per the affidavits filed by the States/Union Territories pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order dated 20.3.2001 in IA No. 1 and 7 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 559 of 1994 titled R.D. Upadhayaya *versus* State of Andhra Pradesh and Others, there are 1,392 children with their mothers in various jails in the country. State-wise break up is enclosed in Statement (*See* below). Figures for the last three years are not available.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has received a copy of the Supreme Court order dated 29.8.2002 which reads as follows:

> "Having heard Mr. Ranjit Kumar for some time on the question as to what direction can be given for the children of women undertrial

prisoner and the women convicts, who are lodged in the jail, we think it appropriate to have the response of the Union of India as well as all the State Governments, who are parties before us and represented by the counsel. Mr. Ranjit Kumar places before us a full action project prepared by Tata Institute of Social Science. Copy of that report be served on the counsel appearing for all the States, Union Territories as well as Union of India to have the response of the respective States, Union Territories and Union of India. Copy of the report be prepared by the Registry and be served on all the counsel within a week from today. The response of each of the States, Union Territories as well as Union of India be filed within four weeks thereafter....."

The matter is under consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) 'Prisons' being a State subject as per entry 4 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, State Governments are required to take appropriate corrective measures to solve the problems of children in jails who are living with their mothers. On its part, Government of India has been helping the States by providing financial assistance to improve the conditions in jails. It has started a new scheme with an outlay of Rs. 1800 crore on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 75:25 basis, (75% being Central share and 25% being State share) to be implemented over a period of five years for construction of new prisons to reduce over crowding including exclusive prisons for women wherever required, repair and renovation of old prison buildings, sanitation and water supply and construction of houses for prison personnel.

Statement

Number of children staying in Jails with their mothers in the country

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	71
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	28
4.	Bihar	185
5.	Chhattisgarh	53
6.	Goa	65

Sl. No.	State/UT	Numbr of children
7.	Gujarat	21
8.	Haryana	34
9.	Himachal Pradesh	01
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	09
11.	Jharkhand	75
12.	Karnataka	18
13.	Kerala	02
14.	Madhya Pradesh	92
15.	Maharashtra	92
16.	Manipur	02
17.	Meghalaya	—
18.	Mizoram	18
19.	Nagaland	71
20.	Orissa	99
21.	Punjab	53
22.	Rajasthan	57
23.	Sikkim	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	10
25.	Tripura	—
26.	Uttaranchal	09
27.	Uttar Pradesh	196
28.	West Bengal	56
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	02
30.	Chandigarh	03
31.	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	—
32.	Daman and Diu	—
33.	Delhi	70
34.	Lakshadweep	—
35.	Pondicherry	—
	TOTAL	1392

Deaths due to non-use of helmets

1595. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-use of helmet by two wheelers in the country is causing many casualties;